

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Group Art Unit: 3738 ULF HARRY STANFORD Examiner: BEPellegrino Serial No. Filed: For: EXPANDABLE STENT WITH ARRAY OF RELIEF CUTS Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Sir: Please cancel claims 1-6, 8-9 and 11-17 and add new claims 1-3 submitted herewith: